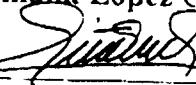


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DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I/we hereby declare that:

My/Our residences and citizenships are as listed below.

I/We believe that I/we are the original, first and sole/joint inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought in the invention entitled **Improved Fuse and Relay Puller**, identified as Lear attorney docket number , the specification of which is filed concurrently herewith.

I/We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 365(c) of the PCT International application WO 02/061786 filed February 1, 2002 designating the United States, and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I/We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

I/We hereby state that I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in this Declaration.

I/We acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I/We hereby appoint Bruce E. Harang, Registration No. 29,720; Bill C. Panagos, Registration No. 31,050; and Larry Shelton, Registration No. 45,100 to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Please send all correspondence to:

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